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ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M. IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

ASSOCIATION DES ÉTUDIANTS ET ÉTUDIANTES DE L'UNIVERSITÉ CONCORDIA

Documents Considered:

BD-D1: **F. Longpré legal opinion with regards to non-student status of directors and Co-Presidents**
BD-D2: **Report of 1993-94 CUSA Handbook**
BD-D3: **Letter from the Rhino Party**
BD-D4: **Letter from the Equality Party**

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION TO APPOINT L. PODGURNY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING

Moved by: P. O'Connor
Seconded by: P. Dalton

P. Dalton pointed out that L. Podgurny's participation as chairperson of this meeting would affect the voting requirements, whereby his participation as a director is required in order for the meeting to proceed.

The motion was withdrawn.

MOTION TO APPOINT M. GILES AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPOINT M. GILES AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING **UNANIMOUS**

Interim chairperson, M. Giles called this meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS
Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

COMMERCE
Kristina Bolh
Paul O'Connor

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Nada Al-Yazdi (7:55 p.m.)
Pascale Batchoun
Ken Blackburn
Genevieve Grenier
Shafik Mina
Ken McMurray
Stacy Schacter
Christine Vieira

ENGINEERING
Len Podgurny

ABSENT

Arts and Science:	Maha Asfour (w/r), Helen Ora Cohen (w/r), Laurie Nicholson (w/r), Tony Nicolas
Commerce and Administration:	Marc Fares, Emmanuel Kamukama (w/r), Bobby Lunny (w/r), Kassan Rahhal
Fine Arts:	Kimberly Jensen
Engineering:	Mohammed Raza Jivraj

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 146th Meeting be approved.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: K. Bolh

S. Mina proposed the addition of item 13.1 to be a discussion on the non-existent smoking rooms around the campus.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE AGENDA ITEM 13.1

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEM 13.1 **UNANIMOUS**

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 144th meeting held on 23/07/93, the Special Meeting held on 13/08/93 and the 145th meeting held on 20/08/93 be approved.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: K. Bolh

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Len Podgurny

L. Podgurny stated that as acting chair of the last meeting, the Board of Directors decided to contact CUSA's legal counsel with regards to the situation regarding directors and Co-Presidents not being students, or specifically being students when elected into office and becoming non-students after their term had began.

L. Podgurny read the letter received by F. Longpre, CUSA's legal counsel.

L. Podgurny stated that the legal opinion was very clear whereby it stated that with respect to the CUSA Constitution, "we are of the opinion that although the Co-Presidents and directors must be members of the association upon their election, they need not retain their status while in office to hold same."

4.2 Co-Presidential

L. Grimes stated that the association is soliciting applications for the positions of Chief Returning Officer and the vacancies on Judicial Board, whereby a full complement of nine (9) members is required.

P. Dalton stated that the CUSA audit will be forthcoming and added that the Co-Presidents will be meeting on Monday morning with the Vice-Rector Services, Charles Bertrand to discuss this issue. He added that a Board meeting will be held next week to deal specifically with the audit.

4.3 V.P. Academic

M. Giles stated that she is in the process of forming student caucuses for the Arts & Science faculty council and added that motions will be forthcoming for the remaining two (2) appointments to Senate. She added that the first

meeting of Senate is tomorrow afternoon and that the first meeting of the Fine Arts faculty council is tomorrow morning, at which six student seats will be appointed.

4.4 V.P. Administration

A. Ghaemi stated that he has been occupied with the clubs and associations which have been coming forth with their requests. He added that the first meeting of C.C.S.L. was held last Friday and that it went very well.

4.5 V.P. Finance

A. Brousseau stated that that he has been occupied with club budgets and has been scheduling Finance Committee meetings to deal with this issue. He added that that the audit will be released next week and that control mechanisms will need to be implemented. He added that they will be brought forth to the Board for approval at the next meeting. Alan stated that an initial draft of the budget will been drawn up and presented to the Board for discussion.

4.6 V.P. Information & Liaison

P. Loranger stated that the 1993-94 CUSA handbook has been a great success. He proceeded to read the handbook report.

A. Brousseau suggested that the P. Loranger and the handbook editor should bring forth any concerns and suggestions they may have for next year's editor in order to facilitate their job. P. Loranger replied that S. Bojhalian was supposed to do so and will remind him of this issue.

C. Vieira enquired about an article that was inserted in the handbook, without the individual's knowledge and consent. She added that the individual was not paid for her article and added that it was a repeat from last year's handbook. P. Loranger replied that the article in question was in the section of the Gays and Lesbians and added that all material in this section was submitted by James Edwards. He added that only two photos were pulled out of this section and that everyone who contributed to the handbook has gotten renumerated for their efforts. Philip suggested that the individual in question should come forward in order to obtain an honorarium for her contribution.

L. Grimes stated that a hand of applause is merited to this year's handbook figures which are six times less than those of last year's.

(Time: 6:50 p.m.)

4.7 V.P. Services

The chair stated that M. Soso is in class right now and suggested tabling her report until a later time.

5.0 V.P. (Academic)-Motions Regarding Ratifications for Faculty Council and Senate

M. Giles stated that both Co-Presidents at one time or another sat in on the interviews for Senate and the Arts & Science Faculty Council, in addition to P. Batchoun and S. Stanislau. She added that for the seats on the Fine Arts Faculty Council, C. Kuilman, D. Haynes, the Co-Presidents and herself conducted these interviews.

5.3 Senate

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ken Blackburn and Kyla Hendriksen be appointed as the two remaining undergraduate student senators for the Faculty of Arts & Science.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: G. Grenier

K. McMurray expressed concern over the lack of effort to recruit a science student to sit on Senate and asked to know if there were any science students that applied. P. Dalton replied that there was one (1) science student that applied but that the applicant was more suitable to sit on another committee. K. McMurray suggested that in the future a greater effort be placed in recruiting science students for Senate.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

5.2 Arts & Science Faculty Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following students be appointed to the remaining seats on Arts & Science Faculty Council: Bill Leonhardt, Helen Ora Cohen, Gareth Pyburn, Marilyne Boyer, Annick Gauthier.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: K. McMurray

K. McMurray asked to know how many vacant seats remain. M. Giles replied that all sixteen (16) seats have been filled. P. Dalton stated that he is still sitting on an interim basis and added that he will resign soon and re-open his seat.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

5.1 Fine Arts Faculty Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following students be ratified as five of the six undergraduate

student representatives to the Faculty of Fine Arts Council: David Atkinson, Christopher Bernard, Christopher Kuilman, Nancy Long, Damien Turner.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Grimes

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

6.0 V.P. (Administration)-Motions Regarding Clubs

6.1 Save Jews Everywhere (SAJE)

A. Ghaemi stated that SAJE is Jewish group which wishes to be represented on campus and added that there are enough Jewish students on campus that are interested in this group. He added that the reason a second Jewish group is being brought forth for approval is due to the fact that not one Jewish group represents the needs of all Jewish students. Ali stated that the Board has already set a precedence by ratifying two Muslim groups.

A. Ghaemi stated that SAJE is more politically inclined than the Concordia Jewish Students Union, which is more socially inclined.

L. Podgurny asked to know if SAJE has prepared a constitution. A. Ghaemi replied that their objectives have been set and that they have prepared a constitution. Ali introduced Linda, a member of the group.

Linda stated that SAJE is politically oriented and added that they protest for the rights of Jewish people and educate the Jewish community.

P. Dalton asked to know why this group is not seeking to be working with the Concordia Jewish Students Union. Linda replied that CJSU is not politically oriented, although they say that they are. She stated that membership between the two groups does overlap however.

P. Dalton asked to know if SAJE would be seeking funding from CUSA. Linda replied that this is a possibility and that they are seeking an office to work out of.

C. Vieira asked for clarification on the political aspect of SAJE. H. Silbiger stated that SAJE focuses on informational aspects, educational aspects, the politics in the Middle East, dealing with local different issues and mainly covering the areas which Hillel doesn't. He added that they are also concentrating their efforts on having Kosher food on campus. C. Vieira stated that Hillel has organized for Kosher food to be available. H. Silbiger replied that as of today, Kosher food is not available at Concordia university.

H. Silbiger stated that SAJE exists outside of the university and added that it is an independent group outside of the university. He added that SAJE Montreal which is the main group outside of the university will be putting on demonstrations which SAJE Concordia would be taking part in.

A. Ghaemi stated that CJSU does not represent all Jews on campus and that the executive will openly admit to this fact. He added that CJSU is affiliated to Hillel and follow the rules of Hillel, whereby they cannot venture into political projects because of affiliations with Hillel. Ali stated that SAJE and CJSU get along and have agreed to share office space.

H. Silbiger stated that SAJE Concordia is seeking a small budget from CUSA and the possibility of sharing office space with Hillel.

L. Grimes asked for clarification, specifically to know if the present Jewish group on campus is called Hillel or the Concordia Jewish Students Union. H. Silbiger replied that it is called CJSU but that they refer themselves to Hillel, as is evident by the sign on their office door and all their stationery and correspondence which is on Hillel letterhead.

H. Silbiger stated that he appealed to the president of the Concordia Jewish Students Union, L. Budman and asked him if SAJE could set up a political wing, who informed him that he would have to clear this issue up with the Hillel House on Stanley street. Howard stated that he met with the head person at the Stanley office and added that he told him that SAJE Concordia could not pursue its goals in conjunction with the Concordia Jewish Students Union.

L. Grimes asked to know if the Hillel House on Stanley street dictates what occurs at Concordia. H. Silbiger replied that this is the case and added that they have a staff person that attends the Concordia Jewish Students Union premises twice a week to ensure that things are running properly.

L. Podgurny suggested that a copy of both constitutions be obtained and a review of the objectives of both groups be undertaken.

MOTION TO TABLE THE RATIFICATION OF SAJE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

Moved by: L. Podgurny
Seconded by: P. Dalton

P. Dalton stated that there appears to be a structural problem in house which needs to be addressed and added that the essence is duplication of budgets and services when it isn't definitively necessary.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE THE RATIFICATION OF SAJE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING **UNANIMOUS**

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors seek an evaluation of the current constitution of the Concordia Jewish Students Union, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Judicial Board meet and rule on the issue of the Hillel House overseeing the affairs of CJSU, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the V.P. Administration meet with the three Jewish groups and oversee an audit of these groups, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the V.P. Administration present a report to the Board on the outcome of this issue by the next meeting.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

6.2 Chabad

A. Ghaemi stated that Chabad is another Jewish group that is proposing to be active on campus.

L. Grimes asked to know what is inspiring about this group. A. Ghaemi replied that the Chabad House is very established and added that their presence exists on every campus.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chabad House be accepted on campus and be recognized as a CUSA group.

Moved by: L. Podgurny
Seconded by: K. Blackburn

L. Podgurny asked to know if there is a constitution available and whether Chabad's priorities differ from the existing group. A. Ghaemi passed around Chabad's proposal. L. Podgurny remarked that the proposal is not a constitution and lacks membership clauses, election regulations and the composition of the executive.

MOTION TO AMEND

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chabad be included into the previous motion, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the V.P. Administration include Chabad into the audit and negotiations with CJSU and SAJE and oversee an audit of these groups, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the constitutions and structure of these groups be reviewed.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Grimes

P. Dalton stated that preliminary recognition could be granted to the group after such time as Judicial Board helps them develop their constitution using the model.

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

The chair explained to SAJE and Chabad that essentially the Board wishes to resolve how these three Jewish groups differ and reach a decision on whether individual status should be granted to these three different groups.

6.3 Rhino Party of Canada

Motion 610

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rhino Party of Canada be recognized as a CUSA group.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: G. Grenier

A. Ghaemi stated that the Rhino Party is seeking recognition on campus for the upcoming elections. He added that all other political parties are represented on campus and that the Rhino Party is seeking the same.

P. Dalton stated that the association will grant the Rhino Party recognition on campus to facilitate the process of booking space from the university. He added that no budget and no office space will be granted to this group.

A. Feldman, a member of the Rhino Party and a student at Concordia, stated that the NDP Rhino Party has granted them with the use of their office space and all that they are seeking is recognition and a meeting space to hold meetings.

L. Grimes stated that CUSA only grants a mailbox to all political groups on campus which is a standard rule for all political groups it recognizes.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: K. Blackburn

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION **UNANIMOUS**

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

6.4 Equality Party

Motion 611

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Equality Party of Canada be recognized as a CUSA group.

Moved by: P. Dalton

Seconded by: G. Grenier

A. Ghaemi stated that the Equality Party is of interest to students on campus and added that they have a good number of signatures which they easily collected, in addition to having a constitution. He added that if CUSA recognizes Federal political parties there is no reason it shouldn't recognize provincial political parties, as Concordia students are eligible to vote in both elections.

P. Dalton stated that the association will grant the Equality Party recognition on campus to facilitate the process of booking space from the university. He added that no budget and no office space will be granted to this group.

VOTE ON MOTION **10/0/2** **CARRIED**

The chair granted a five-minute break.

(Time: 7:45 p.m.)

The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

The chair stated that M. Soso is present for a brief period of time and suggested that she be allowed to present her report. There were no objections to this request.

4.7 V.P. Services

M. Soso stated that the Orientation budget won't be completed for another week and will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. She added that she is seeking a committee for the winter carnival which is tentatively set for the third week in January and stated that it is a welcome to the new students that are coming in in January, as well as an uplifting event for the student body.

M. Soso stated that she needs some volunteers to work as a brainstorming and working body committee. The following individuals volunteered to assist M. Soso with the winter carnival: K. Blackburn, G. Grenier, P. O'Connor and L. Podgurny.

M. Soso stated that she is looking into organizing a Speaker's night and asked for volunteers to assist with this committee. She stated that this subject will be brought up at the next meeting.

6.5 Outdoors Club

A. Ghaemi stated that the Outdoors Club was funded by the Athletics department of Concordia, but no longer is. He added that they had an office at the Athletics department at Loyola and a phoneline, which they no longer have. Ali

stated that they are essentially seeking from CUSA office space and a phoneline and added that they don't need a budget.

A. Ghaemi stated that that the objective of the Outdoors Club is to organize skiing outings, mountain climbing events, etc. and added that sports and the outdoors are an essential component of student life.

Motion 612

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Outdoors Club be a CUSA recognized group.

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: K. Blackburn

L. Podgurny asked to know how this club operates. A. Ghaemi replied that they have a constitution, an executive and hold elections. He added that they never became a CUSA group because of the sponsoring they received in the past from the Athletics department and added that because of cutbacks from this department they have approached CUSA. Ali stated that the Outdoors club lost the space they had from the Athletics department due to this department having a need for the space.

A. Ghaemi stated that the Outdoors club is content with receiving space from CUSA at the Centennial building and all that CUSA would have to provide for is a phoneline..

VOTE ON MOTION **8/0/5** **CARRIED**

A. Ghaemi stated that space is at a premium and added that the university does not allocate any space to CUSA. He added that he would like for the Board to become active and form a committee to lobby the university to obtain more space for student groups.

K. Blackburn stated that there is an abundance of office at the CUSA Loyola offices which is not efficiently utilized. A. Ghaemi replied that the space crunch is exclusively at the SGW campus, to the point where three groups have to share an office.

The chair suggested that this issue be brought back to the Board at a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

6.6 Downtown Press

L. Grimes stated that she met with the representative from this group and added that it is not a typical student group he wishes to create. She added that it entails putting out an anthology of student work.

A representative from the group stated that the objective of this group is to put out literary events and literature. He added that a permanent literary press for Concordia is desired which will run on a profit and will remain for years to

come. The representative stated that there is a need in this university for an annual anthology with a lasting tone which could be sold to libraries and bookstores across the city. He added that Concordia holds one of the only two creative writing programs in Canada and stated that there is a widespread literary community here with no significant medium for student input.

The representative stated that there are some announcements that have been posted in the university and added that there was a creative writing workshop this summer, through which some of the writers have submitted their work and have readily agreed to go ahead with the publishing. He added that over fifty submissions have been received thus far and are ready to be published.

The representative stated that the anthology will be hosting a series of literary events which will promote the anthology and which will enhance the life at Concordia through four social gatherings open to faculty, staff and students.

The representative stated that a budget has been drafted and a constitution written and added that he is seeking approval to go ahead with the printing costs and to ratify a yearly anthology. He added that ideally he would like to institutionalize a permanent literary press to publish books later on.

The representative stated that the funds which will be invested in the printing costs will be reinvested into CUSA's economic circle since the anthology will be printed at CUSAprint. He added that the actual printing cost is $2600.00 and stated that he foresees literary awards being carried out with the profits generated from the sale of the anthology.

Motion 613

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Downtown Press be recognized as a CUSA group.

Moved by: L. Podgurny
Seconded by: K. McMurray

L. Podgurny stated that a lot of the discussion focused on the budget which is decided by a sub-committee of the Board, the Finance Committee. He added that the Board collectively will decide whether or not to ratify this group.

L. Podgurny asked to see a copy of the constitution. The representative of the Downtown Press stated that he does not have a copy of the constitution present with him.

L. Grimes stated that the constitution should not prevent the Board from recognizing that this is a valid project which should be given a little bit of a push to go forward.

A. Ghaemi stated that he has seen the constitution of the Downtown Press which is quite detailed.

MOTION TO AMEND

BE IT RESOLVED THAT conditional ratification be granted to the Downtown Press, pending

final approval of the constitution by Judicial Board.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

S. Mina requested a re-vote since he was not present when the vote took place.

VOTE ON MOTION **12/0/2** **CARRIED**

The Chair suggested that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m.to discuss the audit. There were no objections to this request.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

M. Giles, Interim Chairperson

H. Danakas, Secretary